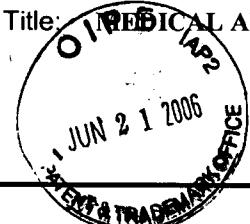


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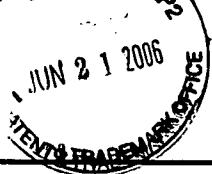
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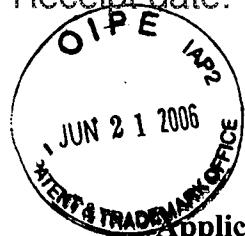
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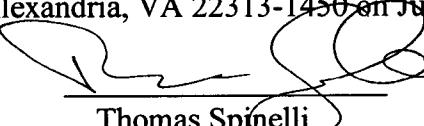
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1. Great Britain Patent No. 255,533, dated July 26, 1926;
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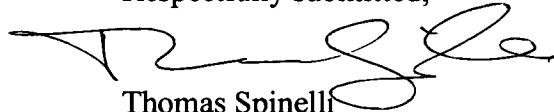
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